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**REGISTER OF IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS**

**Action Requested:** Consider approval of the project description and budget (\$3.23 million) for the **MacKay Hall - Auditorium 117 Remodeling** project.

**Executive Summary:** MacKay Hall is a prominent building on the Iowa State University campus. Originally built in 1911, with an addition in 1926, it stands as the northern facade of the historic central campus. The building and auditorium are named after Catherine J. MacKay, the Dean of Home Economics from 1913 to 1921. It is currently home to the College of Human Sciences.

While the MacKay Hall auditorium is in a premier location on central campus and easily accessible to students and faculty, it is one of the least desired auditoriums for teaching due to its current overall condition and configuration of the space. The **MacKay Hall – Auditorium 117 Remodeling** project would upgrade the space to improve the learning environment for both students and faculty. The project budget of \$3.23 million would be funded from general university funds. The University will return to the Board for approval of the schematic design at a later date. (A map showing the location of MacKay Hall is included as Attachment A.)

**Details of the Project:**

**MacKay Hall – Auditorium 117 Remodeling**

Project Summary

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Board Action</u>
Permission to Proceed with Project Planning		Dec. 2011	Approved
Selection of Design Professional (Brooks Borg Skiles; Des Moines, IA)		Feb. 2012	Not Required*
Project Description and Budget	\$3,230,000	Mar. 2012	Requested

\*Approved by Executive Director consistent with Board policies

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Although sections of Mackay Hall have been renovated and updated over time, the auditorium space has remained much as it was when it was built. Remodeling of the auditorium would include the upgrade of audiovisual technology, and new seating to maximize capacity to facilitate student interaction. The project also includes the updating of public spaces associated with the auditorium, classroom 213 and departmental spaces in rooms 309 and 311.

Project Budget

Construction Costs	\$2,433,750
Professional Fees	579,310
Project Contingency	<u>105,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$3,230,000</u>
Source of Funds:	
University Funds	<u>\$3,230,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$3,230,000</u>

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MackKay Hall  
Auditorium 117 Remodeling

